

IN MEMORY OF MILT KUBIK

The MVRCC was very saddened to receive word of the passing of our Board member and friend, Milt Kubik. He was a devoted servant to our organization, serving on our Executive Committee and Board for more than 20 years. He served on the Park Trustees Board for the same span of years and was involved in an amazing amount of organizations in his beloved Charleroi. He was not just a guy that sat at meetings, he was a true helper, a worker that performed quietly and without need for credit. He was a delight, a gentleman, and a person who achieved success in life by treating others respectfully and making decisions based on common sense. He was our "Shining Star." We will miss you Milt, and what you taught us will stay with us forever! "Go Forth With Vigor."



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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter.

In the Chamber Spotlight...

Garrow Canine Training
United Way of Mon Valley
Washington County Community Foundation
By George

See the stories on pages 4 and 5.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

The Sign Mill

Shane Maxon
503 Fourth Street
N. Charleroi, PA 15022
724-565-5095

Signs

STRIVE Performing Arts Center

Kylie Santoro Horrell
406 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-243-2141

www.striveperformingartscenter.com

Performing Arts, Theater, Dance

Marianna Outdoorsmen Association

Maria Pinkney
P.O. Box 354
Marianna, PA 15345
714-350-9957
Nonprofit



*These new members only reflect dues received between October 6, 2018 and January 16, 2019.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RENEWING MEMBERS*

81 Years

Authority of the Borough of Charleroi

70 Years

Charleroi Area Teachers Association
Model Cleaners & Uniforms

50 Years

Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC
Bigi & Walsh
cfsbank
Davies Ford of Charleroi
DeRienzo Family Practice
Guttman Energy
Shamrock Chemical/McGinley
Maintenance, Inc.

40 Years

Lee Supply Company
Monongahela Valley Hospital

30 Years

Armando's Pizza
The Back Porch Restaurant
Charleroi Area School District
Highway Appliance Company

30 Years continued

Marsh Tire
Richard Mudrick, Attorney-at-Law
Ruschak Insurance Associates
Valley Tire Company
Yohe Roofing

25 Years

Charleroi Borough
Frank M. Godla Mechanical, Inc.

20 Years

Medved's Pharmacy
Mon Valley Community Federal Credit
Union
Subway/TCBY

15 Years

Action-Housing, Inc.
Audrey's Custom Draperies
Blueprints
Charleroi Fire Department
Coulson's Sales & Service
Crystal Concepts
CSC Insurance Options
David Davis Communications, Inc.
Ductmate Industries, Inc. (Charleroi)
Handyman Matters

15 Years Continued

LOGIX
Mon Valley YMCA
Mornak Excavation, Inc.
PA CareerLink, Mon Valley
Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram
S.E. Technologies, LLC
Solomon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ford
Southwest Training Services, Inc.
Speers Borough
Vale-U-Health
Waddell & Reed, Inc.
William J. Worthington, Attorney-at-Law

10 Years

Ashcraft Records Management & Storage
E.J. Burns Construction Company
CASA for Kids, Inc.
CCA Solutions, Inc.
Douglas Education Center
Emerald Masonry & Constructions, LLC
Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.
Hampton Inn by Hilton—Belle Vernon
Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame
Reliance Business Solutions
Snapshot 47 Photos
Southwestern PA Human Services, Inc.
Spartan Health Surgicenter

RENEWING MEMBERS continued*

10 Years continued

Transitional Employment Consultants
United Way of Mon Valley
Washington County Community
Foundation
Washington Symphony Orchestra

5 Years

Advanced Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation
Anova Home Healthcare Services, Inc.
Bill's Feed & Garden Center
BVA Federal Credit Union
Dierkens Pharmacy
Duke of Oil
EQT Corporation
Commissioner Diana Irey-Vaughan,
Washington County
Commissioner Larry Maggi, Washington
County
Edward Mendola, CPA
Mon Valley Initiative
Off the Wall Arts
Port Royal Village

5 Years continued

Prima Diva Boutique
Redevelopment Authority of the County of
Washington'
Roberts Auto Body
South Hills/Mon Valley Messenger
Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Inc.
Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa
Valley 1st Community Federal Credit
Union
West Pike Run Township

All other Renewals

5th Street Escape Room
Amcel Center Properties
Amulet Farms
Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources
By George
Calvary Bible Church
Cavcon Construction Company
Community Foundation of Fayette County
Donora Borough
Fields of Heather

All other Renewals Con't

Greater Washington County Food Bank
Herald Standard
Jushua R. Huhn, DMD, LLC
Jazzy Boutique
Pete Jenkins Tax. Accounting &
Financial Services
DJ Jerry Jericho
Kimberly Contracting Services, LLC
Life's Work of Western PA
Mon Valley Alliance
Mon Valley Independent
New Leaf Recovery Services, PC
Observer Publishing Company
Patton Electric, LLC
Quality Pasta Company
Santori Kitchen & Bath, Inc.
Stoney's Brewing Company
T-Rock Construction, Inc.
Toast to Our Stars, Inc.
Washington-Greene County Job
Training Agency

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 16, 2019!

We appreciate your prompt payments of your 2019 renewals.
We will continue listing renewals in the upcoming newsletters.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER...

Membership renewals have been mailed out along with a
Member data sheet. Members are asked to please review all
information listed on the Data Sheet and make any necessary
changes to the information and return to the Chamber office by
March 1 to ensure proper listing in the Chamber's
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AND RESOURCE GUIDE.

*Please note that the Chamber is not responsible for incorrect company
information that is printed in the 2019-2020 Directory.
The information currently on file will be listed in the directory
unless otherwise indicated by the member.*

MELISSA TROMBLEY JOINS CHAMBER STAFF

Melissa Trombley is
now a part of the
Chamber's staff as a
part time
administrative
assistant. Melissa is
from Belle Vernon
and comes to the
position with a great
background in office administration and working
with clients and customers. She is married to
Craig, has 3 grown children, Ryan, Tyler and
Caitlyn. Welcome aboard, Melissa!



2019 MYRCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patricia Brickner – PA CareerLink, Mon Valley
Deborah Buck, Treasurer – Audrey's Custom Draperies
Casey Clark – Off the Wall Arts/Perked Up Cafe
Diann Donaldson, Executive Committee – Reliance Business Solutions/Jazzy Boutique
Armand Ferrara, President – Ferrara Appraisal Services
Roberta Fielding – Community Bank
Dave Galloni, Secretary – cfsbank
J. J. Georgagis – Keystone Bakery
Don Good – Corelle Brands
Jean Hale – California University of PA
Randy McMahon – Handyman Matters
Alyssa Mendola – Edward Mendola, CPA

Attorney Rick Mudrick, Vice President
Lisa Neil – Southwest Training Services, Inc.
Josie Pelzer – Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram
Donna Ramusivich – Monongahela Valley Hospital
Wayne E. Ray – Snapshot 47 Photos
Luther Sheets – Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc.
Phillip Sparacella – United Way of Mon Valley
Ken Wiltz – Charleroi Area School District

Leanna Spada – Executive Director
Attorney Todd Pappasergi – Solicitor
 (Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC)

AFFORDABLE RATES TO MEET YOUR BUDGET!

Some great reasons to advertise in the 2019-2020 Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Member Directory & Resource Guide.

♦ INFORMATIVE

This 5.5" x 8.5" spiral bound "desk friendly" directory will feature our best asset—**YOU-OUR MEMBER!** Every member will receive a **FREE** listing in the alphabetical and category sections.

♦ RESOURCEFUL

The Directory is actively sought out for information when consumers are ready-to-buy. Also included are pages that list local governmental and community addresses, telephone numbers and websites.

♦ LONGEVITY

Publications of this nature are retained well past their lifespan as a resource for quality businesses.

♦ EXPOSURE

Each Directory is usually read by more than one individual providing advertisers continued exposure to more and more potential clients, consumers and associates.

♦ DISTRIBUTION

1,000 copies will be distributed to Chamber members (300+) and in high traffic areas throughout the region.

♦ EASY AND AFFORDABLE

Melissa Trombley of the Chamber Staff is ready to accept your ad! Design service is also available.



Advertising in the 2019-2020 Directory will put your business in front of thousands of targeted clients! Capitalize on your investment with the Chamber by utilizing this valuable tool to increase your current market growth and reach new customers.

See enclosed rate sheet for details and call Melissa at 724-483-3507 TODAY!

MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Audrey's Custom Draperies 724-483-8045

\$50.00 off any custom window treatment of \$500.00 or more.

Does not include drapery hardware unless purchased with treatment.

Brunswick Zone – Belle Vernon 724-929-3260,

Contact: Jeff Nelson

Meeting room free of charge to all Chamber Members with advance booking. Also, receive a Buy 1 Get 1 Bowling Coupon for all members – available at the Chamber.

Charleroi Elks Club 724-483-4727

10% off banquet-room rentals for all MVRCC Chamber Members.

Constant Contact

Chamber Members Save with Constant Contact. Connect with your customers and receive up to 25% off with our exclusive Chamber Member discount. <https://www.constantcontact.com/promo/chamber/signup.jsp>

Handyman Matters 724-258-4884

Get your to-do-list done TODAY! \$25.00 off any job—2 hour minimum.

Jazzy Boutique 724-243-3405

Chamber Members - \$10 off a purchase of \$100 or more. Just tell them you are a member.

Highway Appliance 724-326-5616

SAVE up to \$200.00 on Appliances, Furniture, Bedding, Televisions, and Grills...**INCLUDES RED TAG SALE ITEMS!** Ask for coupon when visiting store.

Prima Diva Boutique 724-565-5586

Chamber members take 10% off entire purchase, excludes Tuxedo Rentals. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Reliance Business Solutions 724-929-2852

Exclusive merchant service provider. Give back to the Chamber. Waived annual and monthly minimum fee. Free online reporting, reduced PCI fee, discounted equipment, lower interchange, fees, and no contract.

Valley Pool & Spa 724-565-1377

10% off all pool and spa merchandise for chamber members. For special pricing on pools and spas, email KRISTIN@VALLEYPOOLSPA.COM

Updated 1/15/2019

The Member to Member Discount Program is a **FREE** program where members can advertise and offer discounts on their products and services. This benefit is designed to not only generate business from fellow members, but from their employees as well, which presently number approximately 6,000 in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber.

Members and their employees

LOG ONTO

www.mvrchamber.org

If you would like to submit a discount, please call the Chamber office today at 724-483-3507 or download a participation form at

www.mvrchamber.org



Member Spotlight

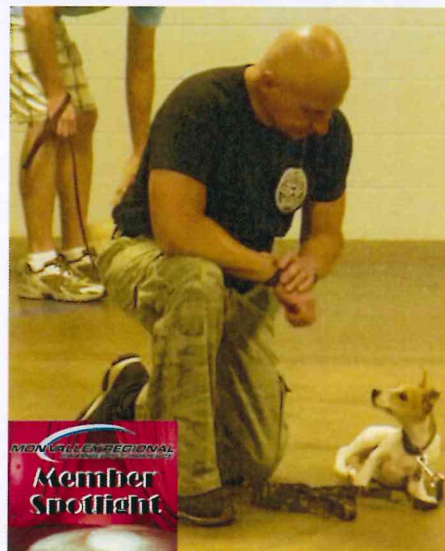
GARROW CANINE TRAINING

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber announced the member spotlight for the month of October, **Garrow Canine Training** located at 400 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi.

Garrow Canine is owned and operated by Michael Garrow Sr., a retired police officer, who has over 30 years of experience in professional dog training. Garrow's facility offers obedience classes for all breeds (group or private), temperament evaluation and police dog training.

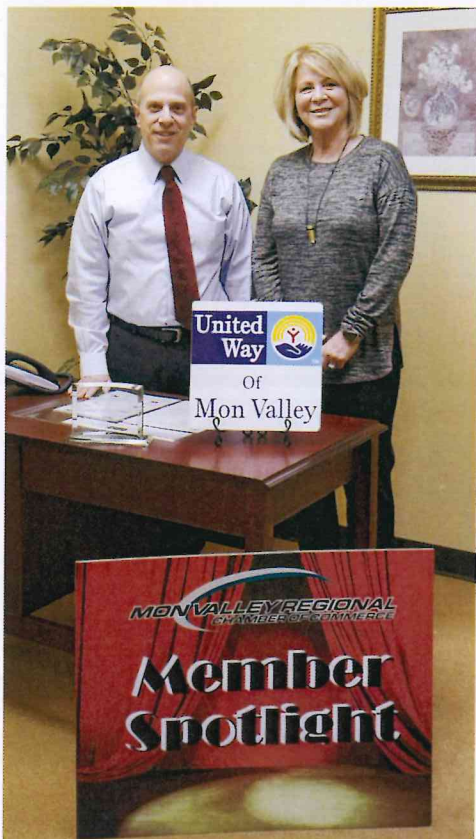
The obedience classes offered can range from puppy basic training, which is 4 one-hour classes to intermediate and advanced, in which the dog attends 8 one-hour classes. Michael also offers problem solving, evaluation and private lessons for more problematic canines. Garrow has been responsible for training numerous police dogs for local K-9 Units around the Valley and beyond.

For more information and pricing you can find Garrow Canine Training on Facebook @GarrowCanineTraining or call 724-489-4339. Pictured right is Mike Garrow, owner.



Member Spotlight

UNITED WAY OF MON VALLEY



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce November spotlight shines on the **United Way of Mon Valley**. The United Way was organized by citizens in our communities in 1961 to help meet the human care needs of the people of the Mid-Mon Valley. The United Way provides leadership and financial support for local programs through the Impact Fund concentrating on three key areas: education, income and health.

In the past through the United Way's River Fund they have supported local communities with matching grants for playground equipment. The United Way has also helped to fund the Mon Valley Education Consortium and local food banks through proceeds from the 84 Lumber Golf Classic.

The United Way has provided grants for agencies in the areas of childcare, early intervention, afterschool programs and student scholarships. They also help with adult daycare, in home services for the aging and assistance for individuals and families with drug and alcohol issues. The United Way is most proud of their 2-1-1 programs which match individuals in need for rent, food, healthcare and veteran's needs.

The United Way is governed by a local Board of Directors with a strong diverse background and exceeds all guidelines and standards set forth by United Way Worldwide.

Pictured left are Phillip Sparacella and Pam Messina.



Member Spotlight

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The MVRCC Spotlight is on the **Washington County Community Foundation**. For those with a giving heart, the Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is a local 501(c) (3) charity that makes charitable giving easier, more satisfying and more effective.

In its mission to promote and facilitate philanthropy, the WCCF assumes four different roles: grant-maker, fundraiser, donor service organization, and community leader. After ending its first year with a mere \$5,000 in assets, the WCCF has grown to manage more than \$35,000,000 in assets and is the largest publicly-supported Foundation headquartered in Washington County.

In addition to hosting Washington County's annual day of giving, *WCCF Gives*, the WCCF administers a broad grant-making program and provides free educational seminars for charities serving our community. Cumulatively, more than \$13,500,000 in grants and scholarships has been awarded to local charities and students through the WCCF.

For more information or to make a gift, please visit www.wccf.net or call 724-222-6330.



Pictured are WCCF Board members. Seated l to r: Richard White, Secretary; Lynne Stout, Chairman; Thomas Hoffman, Vice Chairman and Sandra Guthrie, Treasurer. Standing l to r: Andrew McIlvaine, Thomas Northrop, Michael Anderson, Dorothy Tecklenburg, William Kline III, Geraldine Jones, Alex Paris, Tammy Hardy, James McCune, Brian Smith, Deb Keefer, and Michael Mackin. Missing from photo is Edward Morascyzk, Kurt Salvatori, and Pat Obrien



Member Spotlight

BY GEORGE

The MVRCC shines its January spotlight on **By George Restaurant**. Established in 2015, By George, located at 1565 Grand Boulevard in Monessen serves up authentic homemade recipes which combine American, Greek and Italian flavors.

By George is family owned and operated. George and Ronalyn Apodiakos take pride in creating a fabulous dining experience by providing delicious cuisine along with excellent service. With over two decades of experience the staff at By George is dedicated to giving you and your family quality food service in an intimate setting. They also offer an extensive catering menu to make any event a success.

The Apodiakos' have also taken on a new venture. By George is now the exclusive caterer in charge of St. Spyridon Hellenic Center in Monessen. Please stay tuned, because more exciting news will be arising in By George's very near future.

For more information on By George or to see a complete menu log onto bygeorgeongrand.com or visit them on Facebook. Don't wait another minute, head to By George for a delicious meal that won't disappoint.

Pictured right: George and Ronalyn Apodiakos, owners.





CONGRATULATIONS UNION BRIDGE CAPITAL



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber welcomed **Union Bridge Capital** and Joshua Yoskosky to the membership at a ribbon cutting on October 4, 2018. On July 1, 2018, Union Bridge Capital opened its Monessen location at 100-B 7th Street. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Union Bridge Capital provides a multidisciplinary approach to wealth planning through coordinating investment, tax, legal, and risk management.

The Monessen office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm. To meet with Joshua Yoskosky, Advisor, please call 412-465-1497 or email jyoskosky@unionbridgecapital.com. Further information about Union Bridge Capital can be found at www.unionbridgecapital.com.

Pictured left—Leanna Spada, Chamber Director and Joshua Yoskosky.



WELCOME TO NORTH CHARLEROI SALON SEVA



MVRCC was proud to be a part of a ribbon cutting and grand opening of **Salon Seva by Nikki**, on October 20, 2018. A full service small town salon with a big city feel, Salon Seva is located at 625 Lincoln Ave Ext. Ste. 101 North Charleroi, PA 15022. For more information or to book an appointment please call 724-483-6869. Congratulations and best wishes for success to owner Nikki Sukel.

Pictured are Maddox Sukel, Connie Jones, Erica Quattrone, Trent Sukel, Nikki Sukel, Owner and husband Chad Sukel.

Newsletter Insert Sponsorships available for April Newsletter

You Supply 400 Inserts (8-1/2 x 11)
\$65.00/Business **\$45.00/Non Profits**

Submit your news (anniversaries, achievements, etc.) to members@mvrchamber.org



WELCOME NEW BUSINESS THE SIGN MILL

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber was a part of a ribbon cutting that took place on December 14th at one of the Chamber's newest members and businesses. Congratulations and best wishes for success to **The Sign Mill** located at 503 4th Street, N. Charleroi, PA. Need a sign or banner of any style or type give The Sign Mill a call at 724-565-5095

Pictured right: Shane Maxon, Owner and Graphic Designer



CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 5

The MVRCC held its annual Christmas Party for members and guests on Wednesday, December 5, 2019. Over 100 members and guest attended this festive evening at the **Charleroi Elks Club**. Thank you to our sponsors: **Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC, cfsbank, Community Bank, Corelle Brands, LLC, Highway Appliance Company, Lee Supply Company, Mornak Excavation, Inc., Port Royal Village, Ruschak Insurance Associates, Snapshot 47 and Union Bridge Capital.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAMBER ON TAP****Thursday, February 7, 2019**

5:30 PM— 7:30 PM

Four Points BBQ & Brewing

400 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022

FREE Event!

Come relax and mingle with fellow Chamber members and enjoy banter, business and brews at this After Hours Event.

Non-Members also welcome! Come see what the Chamber is all about and what we can do for your business.

Half the take and giveaways. Hope to see you there!

**2019 ANNUAL WINTER KICKOFF**

MVRCC's first event of 2019 was held January 4 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. It was a multi chamber mega mixer in which 15 chambers and business organizations partnered to bring our members the opportunity to mingle with hundreds of business owners, entrepreneurs and other business professionals.



With a turnout of almost 300 people we mark this as one of our most successful events so if you were unable to attend this year don't worry you will have a chance next year, as this will be annual event for our chamber. Stay tuned for details regarding our Spring multi chamber and business mixer, The Great Gathering, to be held March 20th at Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn.

**The Great Gathering VI****Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM****The Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe -1000 Corporate Dr. Canonburg, PA 15317**

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber invites you to join us for one of western PA's largest annual MEGA MIXERS and the most unique gathering of 16 powerhouse organizations! The evening will include light hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, vendor tables, and business networking with hundreds of western PA's business owners and top level executives. Stay tuned more information to follow on how to register for this event!